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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS FOR PURPOSES OF  
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Below are proposed amendments to the claims in response to the final office action dated June 6, 2000. Attorney for applicants request a phone interview to discuss these proposed amendments.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Amended Twice) A feed assistance apparatus arranged in a feed path of a medium to be processed in a medium processing apparatus, said feed path including at least one feed roller of non-circular cross section for feeding said medium, said feed assistance apparatus comprising:

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